

All of us are fortunate to live in a free and safe society because of the brave actions and extraordinary sacrifices of the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces.

We owe our troops, veterans and their families our gratitude and deep respect, in addition to the exceptional care and benefits they have earned while serving our great nation.

The Rhode Island VFW has been the leading voice for veterans and their families in my home state for decades.

I am proud to work with them to strengthen mental health services, expand job training opportunities, and ensure that all of Rhode Island's veterans have the tools and resources they need to get ahead.

Rhode Island is home to more than 70,000 veterans today. They are all our heroes.

I congratulate the Rhode Island Veterans of Foreign Wars on their 97th Annual State Convention, and I look forward to joining them this Saturday.

HONORING MR. MARK DELLINGER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Dellinger who will retire after 31 years of public service with Lake County in California.

After growing up in New York and the Midwest, Mr. Dellinger moved west to pursue higher education. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Northern Arizona University and then earned his Master's Degree in Geography from the University of Idaho.

Mr. Dellinger joined the Lake County Planning Department's Resource Management Division as a Geothermal Coordinator in 1984 and joined the Special Districts office in 1992 as a Resource Manager. Mr. Dellinger joined Calpine in the private sector to manage compliance for geothermal power plants in 2001, but returned to Lake County as the Administrator of Special Districts in 2002. In this position, he was responsible for fiscal, personnel, and project management.

For his work on the Southeast Geysers Effluent Pipeline Project, or "Flush to Flash," Mr. Dellinger received the Geothermal Resources Council Special Achievement Award in 1997. This project, co-led by Mr. Dellinger and Eliot Allen, used treated wastewater to recharge the geothermal steam field in Lake County. The Special District Leadership Foundation also awarded Mr. Dellinger the Special District Administrator Certification in 2011 after he completed a rigorous examination demonstrating his expertise in management and governance.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Dellinger dedicated his career to ensuring that the residents of Lake County, California had access to high quality public services. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement and many happy memories to come with Carol, his wife, and their sons Jared and Quinn.

RECOGNIZING DELEGATES AT THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize six high school students from the fourth district of Colorado, who have been chosen to represent the state of Colorado as delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. The students are Jamison Cavanagh of Ponderosa High School, Tanner Cavanagh of Ponderosa High School, Victoria Messmore of Legend High School, Dominic Plaia of Chaparral High School, Amber Storch of Fort Morgan High School, and Caleb Vannest of Greeley West High School.

The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders is an honors program that recognizes exceptional high school students who are pursuing careers as engineers, scientists, or technologists.

These students are the future leaders of the STEM fields and our country. Through their studies, they have embodied the meaning of hard work and perseverance to achieve their goals, and will advance science and technology for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize these six students for their hard work and service to their community. I wish them luck in their future endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,230,270,048,404.99. We've added \$8,603,392,999,491.91 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING DR. ELLA WHITE CAMPBELL

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Dr. Ella White Campbell—a passionate educator who devoted her life to improving the lives of her neighbors.

A South Carolina native, Dr. Campbell moved to Maryland at a young age and graduated at the top of her class from the historic Wiley H. Bates High School in Annapolis while helping to care for her siblings. She later earned three degrees—including one Doctoral Degree—from Morgan State University, Johns

Hopkins University and the University of Maryland.

Dr. Campbell began her teaching career at a middle school in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Baltimore City, where residents were so impressed with her leadership abilities, they asked her take over the local recreation center. She eventually chaired the city's English Department and was promoted to Assistant Principal. She helped design a curriculum that increased test scores of hundreds of students.

You would be hard pressed to find a community organization that Dr. Campbell did not, at some point, belong to or lead. While too numerous to mention in their entirety, Dr. Campbell was President of the Gwynnvale Civic Association, President of the Liberty Road Community Council, President of the Liberty Randallstown Coalition, President of the Stevenswood Improvement Association and Founder of the Randallstown NAACP chapter.

Dr. Campbell advocated tirelessly for better schools, recreation facilities, libraries and public transportation in her community. I had the privilege of working with Dr. Campbell for many years. Believe me, you did not want to find yourself on the wrong side of Dr. Campbell because you can bet she had already briefed the community on her position—and convinced them to agree. She was instrumental in securing \$1 million to implement the Liberty Road Streetscape Project, helped to stop area flooding through the Red Run Dam project and established the Liberty Assistance Center for county residents in need.

A decorated member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Dr. Campbell is listed in the Who's Who in The East, Who's Who in America and Community Leaders of the World. Perhaps most importantly, she was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Ella White Campbell. Although she will be sorely missed, Dr. Campbell's impact on Baltimore County and people's lives—including my own—will last forever. She was a true inspiration.

TRIBUTE TO TIM CADDELL, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Tim Caddell, a member of our local government who is retiring after 15 years of public relations work in Pinellas Park.

Mr. Caddell joined the Pinellas Park staff in 2001. He initially served as Public Events Director, planning events such as the Harvest Moon Festival and Country in the Park. Towards the end of his first year, he took on the role of Public Information Officer cultivating and maintaining vital relationships with the local media outlets. Additionally, he led an important effort in Tallahassee lobbying on behalf of Pinellas Park when the city was in need of funds for drainage improvements at Park Boulevard.

Finally, in 2008, he was promoted to Government Relations Administrator where he

thrived. In this role, Mr. Caddell was responsible for establishing the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center after the city had purchased the space. He recalls this event as one of the brightest moments in his career.

In addition to his official role, Mr. Caddell demonstrated his commitment to Pinellas County through his service in various charitable organizations. He served as executive director for the group "Girls Inc." which focuses on programs for girls that enrich their studies in a variety of academic and professional fields. He also served the St. Petersburg Police Department as a Private Investigator and was an assistant to the publisher for Pinellas Park News.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and thank Tim Caddell for his dedication to Pinellas County throughout his career. He will be truly missed for his innovative ideas and strong work ethic. I ask that this body join me in thanking Mr. Caddell for the work he did for our community and in wishing him all the best in his next chapter of his life.

PURPLE HEART DISTRICT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to California's Fifth Congressional District as home to recipients of the Purple Heart. So many of our residents have honorably served our nation in its time of need. As a reflection of Northern California's role in war efforts past and present and the deep personal sacrifice of so many of our residents, I stand to assert that California's Fifth Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

The Purple Heart is one of the oldest and most recognized American military medals, awarded to service members who were killed or wounded by enemy action. In 1782, George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit to reward "any singularly meritorious action" displayed by a soldier, non-commissioned officer, or officer in the Continental Army. This award was intended to encourage gallantry and fidelity among soldiers. General Douglas MacArthur (then Army Chief of Staff) revived the award on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Since its inception and through several wars and conflicts, the Purple Heart has been given to an estimated 1.8 million military members wounded or killed while serving our nation. I received my Purple Heart while serving in the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam.

California has a strong military tradition, home to many significant installations and countless remarkable individuals. Our district includes the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard—the first U.S. Navy base on the Pacific coast—and is adjacent to Travis Air Force Base, which handles more cargo and passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States. Many notable veterans have called our district home, including pioneering pilot and General of the Army and Air Force Henry "Hap" Arnold. Over 45,000 veterans currently reside in our district, including thousands from the wars in Iraq and Afghani-

stan, who are living with the wounds of war at higher rates than any other conflict in our history. I am honored to represent all of these valiant men and women.

Mr. Speaker, California has dispatched thousands of its sons and daughters to fight the enemy. Many have sacrificed their health, and many have sacrificed their lives. We will never forget their sacrifices and are grateful for the brave men and women who have been harmed defending our country and our freedom.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition and appreciation of California's Purple Heart recipients past and present. Now, in the spirit of that appreciation, let it be known that California's Fifth Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 269 for passage of H. Con. Res. 129, Roll Call Number 270 for passage of H.R. 4906, Roll Call Number 271 for passage of H.R. 4904, Roll Call Number 272 for passage of H.R. 1815 which took place Tuesday, June 7, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call Number 269 for passage of H. Con. Res. 129, on Roll Call Number 270 for passage of H.R. 4906, on Roll Call Number 271 for passage of H.R. 4904, and on Roll Call Number 272 for passage of H.R. 1815.

TRIBUTE TO FLORIDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Florida Chamber of Commerce on their 100th anniversary and for their tireless efforts to secure Florida's future.

On April 29th, 1916, The Florida Chamber was founded to help support the Florida business community. At the time, many businesses were faltering and the agriculture industry, the state's leading economic source, was struggling with a cattle tick that was threatening livestock. The chamber was created with the goal of securing that state's future by preserving our vital agriculture industry and creating jobs and economic opportunities. Today, Florida's economic challenges have changed, but the Chamber's mission has always remained the same: securing Florida's economic future.

In the past 100 years, Florida has developed into an economic powerhouse with the support of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. Today, Florida's economy accounts for 1 in 12 jobs being created in the United States and independently the Floridian economy is the 18th largest market in the world. As the population continues to grow and diversify Florida's economy and population of roughly 19 million

residents to continue to enrich our nation's economy.

The primary goal of the Chamber has been to promote a business-friendly atmosphere in order to attract employees with highly specialized skills and continue to aid our economy. The Chamber has done that and more for Florida and our community of Pinellas as well. It has strengthened our agriculture industry, embraced the military and defense industry, promoted technology and innovation, advanced education, and strengthened our infrastructure.

Even though the main industries in our community and state are agriculture, tourism, and construction, the Chamber is helping ensure that we are looking towards a more diverse economy with life sciences and biotech, energy, international trade, and advanced manufacturing and space technologies. With our state ever increasing in population, we can feel secure that the Florida Chamber will continue to create jobs and opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our Florida Chamber for maintaining their goal of nurturing and supporting business within Florida. I ask that this body join me in recognizing what the Florida Chamber has done for the Florida economy in the past 100 years and will continue to do in the future.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF PATRICK OROSZKO

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Patrick Oroszko of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Pat passed away on Sunday following a brave and inspirational battle with esophageal cancer. He was just 34 years old.

I first met Pat several years ago when he interned in my Washington, DC office. He was exceptional. He was whip smart and detailed oriented. Pat made you feel comfortable the moment you started talking to him. He was easy-going and unassuming, despite his height. And above all, he was kind.

Born and raised in Worcester, Pat graduated from St. John's High School in Shrewsbury where he excelled in basketball. He went on to receive degrees from Clark University and Anna Maria College.

It was at Clark University that Pat truly felt at home. While at Clark, he was a member of the school's basketball team which qualified for the postseason in all four of his years and made it to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III tournament two years. He served as team captain his junior and senior years.

Most recently, Pat served as Director of Student Recruitment for Clark's Graduate School and, for the past seven years, as an Assistant Men's Basketball Coach.

And Clark is where Pat met the love of his life and best friend, Courtney.

Today, it's the Clark University basketball gymnasium—the Kneller Athletic Center—where family and friends will gather to celebrate his life. It was one of Pat's favorite places. And at his request, the gym will be set up just as it would be for a game day, with the bleachers pulled out, home and visitor benches, the scoring table and the scoreboard on.